To His Excellency

The Governor of

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Sir

The Vesuvius Steam Boat is in a bed of sand about 200 miles below the mouth of the Ohio, where it is apprehended she will be attacked by the Indians, for the object of plunder, and perhaps burnt; I need not mention to you, Sir, the deep interest which the States bordering on the Mississippi and Ohio have in the success of Steam Boats, which will convert those Rivers into easy and commodious highways, and the loss which they would sustain by the destruction of the Vesuvius, which would destroy confidence and enterprise for a like expenditure of capital. To protect and cherish the useful arts, is honorable to all Men, and the best of policy. hence I hope, Sir, it is in your power & congenial to your feelings to dispatch Thirty Militia or Volunteers to protect the Vesuvius, or to aid in cutting a Canal in

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the sand to get her afloat, and in bringing her up to Louisville. I may add that should war take place between the United States and Spain, and become active in Florida or New Orleans, the Steam Boat will be of immense use in transporting Troops; to save her therefore is a patriotic work. My Brother in law, Mr John Livingston is at Louisville, and will thankfully receive any aid you may be pleased to give.

I have the honor to be, your Excellencies most ob.t Servt.

Robert Fulton